

El Camino Grid Team Set for State JC Playoffs

Warriors Oppose Diablo Valley

After a 14-year dry spell, the El Camino College football squad finished the 1968 season with a 9-0 record, won the Metropolitan Conference championship, and received a bid for the state junior college title.

El Camino won its fourth conference title with a slim 44-41 victory over Long Beach City College, which finished third behind defending Metro champion Bakersfield.

It is the first time Coach Ken Swearingen guided a Warrior team to a Metro crown. Until now Swearingen's best was last year's second place.

The Warriors advance to the state playoffs Saturday as host to Diablo Valley of the Golden Gate Conference.

Diablo Valley placed nine men on the two platoon conference all-star squad while City College of San Francisco, San Mateo and San Jose had seven each.

But second place San Jose walked away with two of the three top honors when Randy Ingraham, last year's outstanding lineman, took MVP honors and Jaguar quarterback Dave Ellis grabbed the outstanding back award.

Diablo's Lou Strusis, an all-league choice as a freshman, is the outstanding lineman. He's 6-0, 220 pound defensive tackle.

Diablo Valley will bring an 8-1 overall and 6-0 Golden Gate Conference record into the first round of the state playoffs against unbeaten El Camino, Saturday night.

The Vikings will be led by the following first team all-leaguers: offensive guard Mike Swinnie and tackle Ron Zeppa, plus fullback Larry Merlini; defensive

tackle Mike Conners and defensive backs Steve Sanchez and Larry Stonebarger—in addition to Strusis.

EL CAMINO fullback Tom Reynolds, who hauled in 34 passes for 691 yards and six TDs, scored 70 points this season. Last season Reynolds led the state with 96 points.

End John Featherstone also ranked high in the conference's pass-catching column, (31 for 616 yards and seven TDs), added 46 points to EC's cause.

Quarterback Dan Heck finished second in Metro behind Long Beach City College's All-American Dennis Dummit. Heck connected on 92 of 161 passes for 1715 yards and 18 TDs. Heck scored 42 points on running plays.

As an offensive foursome Dave Boyd, Featherstone, Heck and Reynolds scored 234 of 297 points posted this season.

On the individual level, halfback Boyd led the conference in rushing with 992 yards which were picked up on 217 carries. He scored 76 points.

Jon Robertson, Ed Eno, Dale Hewitt and Terry Mendenhall will be on the alert Saturday in hopes of picking off a few passes from Diablo Valley. Nobles has already had 19 of his passes intercepted.

Following the quarter final bout, the victor will advance to the semi-finals with either Fresno City College of the Valley Conference or College of Marin of the Camino Norte Conference.

If the game is with Fresno, it will be a 1:30 p.m. clash on Saturday, Dec. 7. If it is with Marin, the game will be played Friday, Dec. 6 at 8 p.m.

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Dan Eyes Another '300' Win

If Dan Gurney again wins the \$85,000 Rex Mays 300-mile race for Indy cars at Riverside Sunday, something more than the USAC national driving championship will be decided.

The final results will build a good case, pro or con, on the further adventures of American-manufactured stock car block engine in Indianapolis race cars.

Gurney and United States Road Racing Champion Mark Donohue are entries in the final race of the year at Riverside.

Both will be driving All American Eagle racers. Gurney's is powered by a much-modified Ford stock block engine and Donohue is going with a Roger Penske-prepared Chevrolet stock block racing motor.

Although he finished third in the Canadian-American Challenge Cup Series standings, Donohue will be making his first appearance in the second-longest, second-richest Indianapolis car race. However, as he has often competed on the 2.6-mile circuit, his success (like Gurney's) depends on how well his car holds up.

Gurney is also rated a good chance, despite the competition which includes three-time world champ Jack Brabham, three-time Indy winner A. J. Foyt and two-time national champion Mario Andretti.

He has an additional advantage as the driver-designer-builder who arrived back home in Indiana last May with a stock block Ford engine reposing in the rear of his race car.

The Rams have made a habit of busting jinxes recently, and they'll get another chance at it Sunday when they play in Minnesota.

Kickoff time is 11 a.m. (PST) with Southern Californians viewing the game over KNXT (channel 2).

The jinx in Minneapolis is simply this: The Rams have never won there. The record is no wins, five losses and one tie, and it was in Minnesota that George Allen suffered his worst coaching defeat with the Rams, 35-7, in 1966.

Other jinxes that Allen's Rams have broken recently have been winning in Baltimore, Chicago and Cleveland.

The Rams (9-1-1) after Sunday's 24-21 win over New York) need a victory to keep pace with Baltimore (10-1), which plays Atlanta Sunday.

| EL CAMINO | | DIABLO VALLEY | |
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| No. | Name | Pos. | No. Name |
| 83 | John Featherstone | LE | 81 Jack LaDuke |
| 62 | John Gist | LT | 72 Monty Dupire |
| 51 | Steve Verry | LG | 66 Mike Swinnie |
| 66 | Tom Stolarz | C | 54 Chuck Buddie |
| 64 | Rick Francis | RG | 65 Doug Bowling |
| 74 | Ed Hogan | RT | 76 Ron Zeppa |
| 81 | Rick DeArmitt | RE | 86 Mark Ernst |
| 16 | Dan Heck | QB | 15 Randy Nobles |
| 28 | Dave Boyd | HB | 39 Larry Merlini |
| 31 | Ed Gilles | FB | 28 Carey Laine |
| 32 | Tom Reynolds | TB | 24 Jess Maez |

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| 71 | Terry Mendenhall | LE | 61 Robin Allen |
| 38 | Marc D'Ambrosi | LT | 70 Louis Strusis |
| 55 | Clyde Taylor | RT | 67 Tom Jones |
| 80 | Mark Leamy | RE | 71 Mike Conners |
| 73 | John Sullivan | LB | 87 Roger Davis |
| 65 | Charlie Reade | LB | 63 Gerald Ponce |
| 77 | Dennis Higgins | LB | 64 Dave Maggi |
| 27 | Jon Robertson | HB | 26 L. Stonebarger |
| 24 | Steve Barnett | HB | 42 Steve Sanchez |
| 43 | Ed Eno | HB | 33 Rick Moore |
| 41 | Dale Hewitt | HB | 84 John Miller |

New System For Tie Game

After successful trials on the lower play-off levels for the past several years, the California Tie-Breaker System has been adopted for use in all play-off divisions for the 1968 CIF, SS, football play-offs which move into second-round action on Friday night.

In the event any game other than the championship game in any division ends in a tie, the captains of the two teams will meet and toss a coin to determine which team opens play in the California System.

The ball is placed on the 50 yard line, and each team will be given four plays to be run alternately. This means that Team A runs one play, Team B runs one play, Team A runs a play and the teams continue to alternate until each has had four downs. There are no kicks of any type permitted, and if a score is not made, the team to advance in the play-offs will be determined by the side of the 50 yard line that the ball winds up on after the eighth down.

After any score, the ball is returned to the 50 yard line, without a conversion try, and play is resumed. All penalties are treated in the same manner as in a regular game, with the offended team having the option of accepting the penalty or the result of the play.

In a first-round "A" division game, the system was used quite successfully as St. Bonaventure managed to move the ball to Harvard's 48 yard line to gain a second-round berth after a 13-13 deadlock.

Lee Hanson, coach of the Harvard Saracens, commented that he was not at all displeased with the system, and Dave Currey, coach of the winning St. Bonaventure squad, said, "It was like a tug-of-war. Both stands stood throughout the eight downs, and we had to gain 13 yards on the last play to gain the victory."

Meanwhile, individual-game heroics were overshadowed Friday night when Barstow's Jim White, who set a new CIF, SS, field goal record of 47 yards two weeks ago, put the mark almost out of reach by converting a 58-yard three-pointer in Barstow's lopsided first-round victory over Ontario, 46-13.

White's kick was two yards better than the listed National Football League standard of 56 yards set in 1953 by Bert Rechichar of the Baltimore Colts. The AFL mark is 55 yards, set in 1961 by George Blanda of Houston.

Two Saturday night ball games are on the menu for the Thanksgiving weekend, with top-seeded "AAAA" power St. Paul meeting Channel League champion Santa Barbara at Cerritos College, and "AAA" favorite Lora testing California at La Palma Park in Anaheim.

In other "AAAA" quarter-final matches, Lakewood meets Anaheim at Anaheim Stadium, second-seeded Westminster challenges Pasadena at Santa Ana Bowl, and Moore League co-champion El Rancho tackles Arroyo at Mt. San Antonio College.

New Challenge for Rex Hughes

Long Beach City College kicks off the 1968-69 basketball campaign with a pair of Thanksgiving holiday games.

New head coach Rex Hughes' Vikings travel to Palomar College near San Diego Friday night and return home Saturday night to face Orange Coast College in what is growing to be a hearty rivalry between the schools.

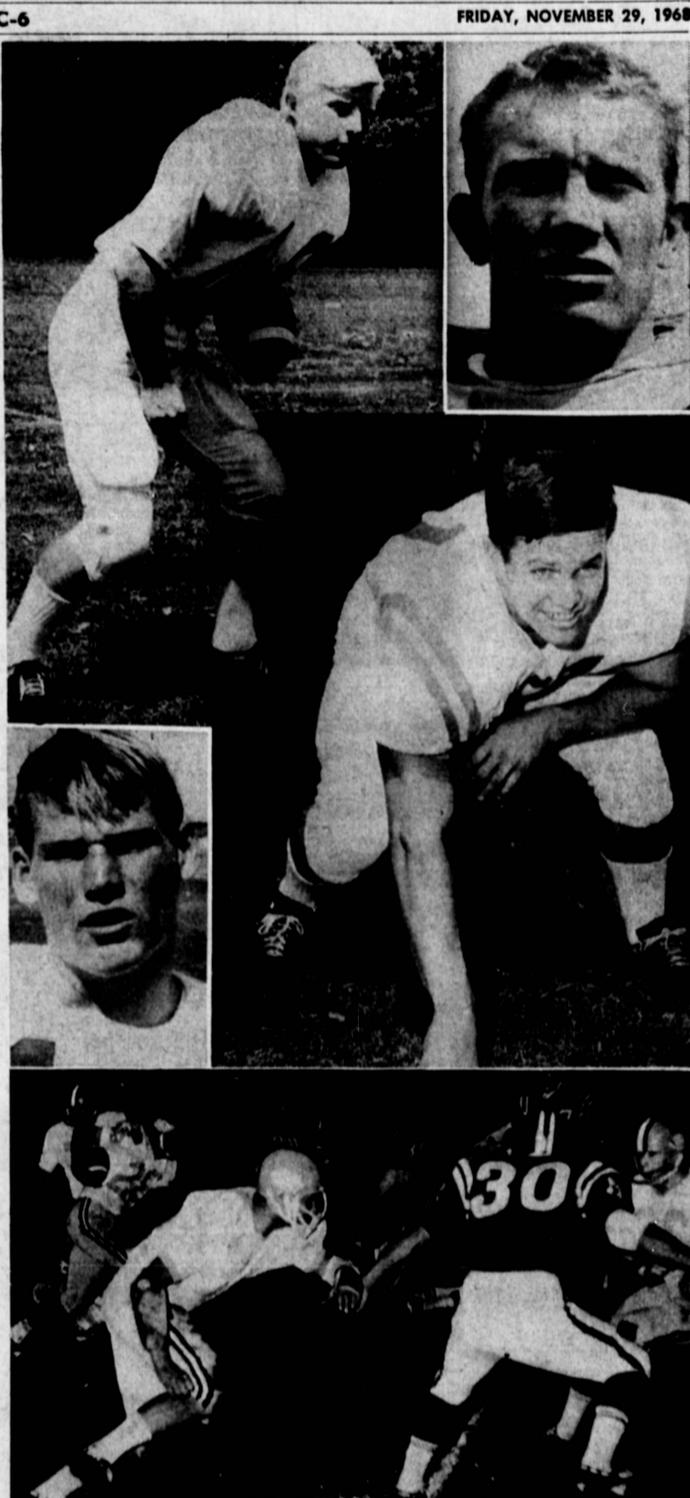
Hughes, new to the junior college coaching ranks this year after a successful four-year stint at Redondo High, has well-founded optimism for this year's team.

The Vikings, though losing Shawn Johnson, Gary Zeller and Ken Booker by graduation, have four lettermen returning and a fine group of freshmen.

Heading the list of returnees are Sammy Washington, a 6-2 guard who won the team trophy as best defender; 6-5 forward Jon Borchert, the most promising freshman; 6-5 Kirby Gordon, stronger than ever after undergoing knee surgery; and 6-2 guard Ron Hathaway.

The Vikings will be aided tremendously by 6-5 Chuck Terry and 6-8 Steve Bays, a pair of freshmen who earned all-CIF honors last year for Jordan and Millikan High Schools.

The keenest competition for a starting berth will come at the guard position, where not only Washington and Hathaway are returning, but also letterman Doug Hixon and three outstanding freshmen.



FAMILIAR FACES . . . Almost every high school in the district will be well represented with the El Camino College football team in the first round of the state junior college playoffs beginning Saturday night against Diablo Valley College. The game will be at Murdock Stadium at 8 p.m. Clockwise these youngsters are (upper left) Ron Stone of Redondo, Ed Gilles of Bishop Montgomery, Steve Verry of Mira Costa, Dave Boyd of West one one of his powerful runs, and Dale Hewitt of South, a defensive back. El Camino has a 9-0 record this season.

All-League Football Selections Completed

All-league football selections have been announced for the Bay League, Camino Real League, and Sky League.

Selections were made by the varsity coaches of league members.

Picked as the outstanding players in the Bay League were Quarterback Coy Hall and Guard Jim Stroffe of West and Quarterback Pat Moore of Mira Costa.

The Sky League recommended seven players All-CIF recognition. They are Dave Carter, Daryl Arenstein and Barry Sullivan of Rolling Hills, Terry Waters and Kim Brooks of Torrance, Ken Gruendyke of Culver City, and Bob Trythall of Morningside.

The Camino League named

Bishop Montgomery quarterback Greg Collins as its most valuable back and Serra end Leon Beachman as its most valuable lineman.

West High had six players on the first offensive team and four on the defensive unit.

Torrance High has four offensive selections and two on defense.

Bishop Montgomery has four offensive all-leaguers and four defensive choices.

The teams are:

Bay League
OFFENSE
Ends: Mark Nuff, Santa Monica, sr.; Gary Kendrick, West, sr.; Tackles: Richard Pierce, West, sr.; Bill Hunt, Santa Monica, sr.; Guards: Jim Yates, West, sr.; Jim Stroffe, West, sr.; Center: Bill Sney, Hawthorne, sr.; Backs: Gary Board, Hawthorne, sr.; Coy Hall, West, sr.; Gary Hulsey,

West, sr.; Pat Moore, Mira Costa, sr.; Mike Palmer, Santa Monica, sr.

DEFENSE
Ends: Chuck Parrish, West, sr.; Rod Potts, Hawthorne, sr.; Tackles: Bruce Parrish, North, sr.; Guards: Arty Berry, Santa Monica, sr.; Linebackers: Jack O'Brien, Santa Monica, sr.; Monica, sr.; Tom Aines, West, sr.; Ron Sugimoto, North, sr.; Backs: Jim Monroe, Santa Monica, sr.; Jim Parlon, West, sr.; Sharlie Nunnally, Mira Costa, sr.; Steve Laidlaw, Hawthorne, sr.

Camino Real League
OFFENSE

Ends: Leon Beachman, Serra, sr. (most valuable lineman); Greg Beama, Bishop Montgomery, sr.; Tackles: James Naults, Mt. Carmel, jr.; Anthony Benedicti, Lassen, sr.; Guards: Joe Morelli, Crespi, sr.; Don Satterlee, Bishop Montgomery, sr.; Pete Trutanich, Lassen, sr.; Center: Mike Boyd, St. Bernard, sr.; Backs: Greg Collins, Bishop Montgomery, sr. (most valuable back); Joe Hicks, Mt. Carmel, sr.; Tim Enyor, Serra, jr.; Mike Foley, Lassen, jr.; Vic Tremblay, Serra, sr.; Ed Hansen, Bishop Montgomery, sr.

DEFENSE
Ends: Herman Hale, Mt. Carmel, sr.; Mike McNeil, Bishop Montgomery, jr.; Tackles: James Naults, Mt. Carmel, sr.; Tom Herbert, Lassen, sr.; Don Satterlee, Bishop Montgomery, sr.; Middle Guards: William Copeland, Bishop Montgomery, sr.; George Cook, Crespi, sr.; Linebackers: Brian Fox, Crespi, sr.; Gil Aguilar, Serra, jr.; Mike Pallas, Lassen, jr.; Backs: Greg Collins, Bishop Montgomery, sr.; Steve Handa, Serra, sr.; Ron Lumpkin, Mt. Carmel, sr.

Sky League
OFFENSE

Ends: John Spinks, Morningside, sr.; Barry Sullivan, Rolling Hills, sr.; Tackles: Glen Jensen, Leuzinger, sr.; Larry Sander, Rolling Hills, sr.; Guards: Dave Carter, Rolling Hills, sr.; Terry Waters, Torrance, sr.; Centers: John Jacobson, Palos Verdes, sr.; Wayne Peterson, Torrance, sr.; Specialist: Gianni Miglia, Rolling Hills, jr.; Quarterback: Kim Brooks, Torrance, sr.; Backs: Ken Gruendyke, Culver City, sr.; Mike Marris, Morningside, jr.; Daryl Arenstein, Rolling Hills, sr.; Mike McGuire, Torrance, sr.

Hills, sr.; Terry Waters, Torrance, sr.; Tackles: Dave Carter, Rolling Hills, sr.; Greg Waters, Torrance, sr.; Guard: Charles Abram, Leuzinger, sr.; Ed Franklin, Morningside, sr.; Linebackers: Tom Mills, Culver City, jr.; Walt Craknell, Leuzinger, sr.; John Jacobson, Palos Verdes, sr.; Jeff Jackson, Rolling Hills, sr.; Backs: Ken Gruendyke, Culver City, sr.; Bill Jacobs, Palos Verdes, sr.; Daryl Arenstein, Rolling Hills, sr.

Playoffs Slated for City Preps

They start to play "big casino" in the quarter-finals of the Los Angeles City Schools football playoffs Friday and Saturday as the tempo quickens in four Thanksgiving holiday weekend blockbusters.